



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02381.0062

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tsukasa KATO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1732
Application No.: 10/782,761) Examiner: Monica A. Huson
Filed: February 23, 2004))) Confirmation No.: 7645
For: MOLDING MACHINE AND MOLDING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated August 21, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 1-11, drawn to a molding machine, or Group II - claim 12, drawn to a molding method. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a molding machine.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 20, 2006

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